



From the School Chaplain: Rev Dr Simon Steer

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Dear Parents,

### **Confirmation Class**

I am delighted to inform you that we will soon begin a Confirmation Class for those pupils who would like to consider the possibility of becoming full members of the Church of England. Classes are open to all pupils in the third year and above and will take place on the following dates; Monday 27 February, Monday 6 March, Friday 17 March and Friday 21 April from 1.10pm – 1.50pm. I will teach the class (with input from other staff) and we will meet in the Avernus dining room. Students can bring their lunch to the class if they would like to.

The sessions will be informal (and hopefully enjoyable!) and we will use the excellent book, *Faith Confirmed*, by Peter Jackson and Chris Wright, a copy of which will be provided to each member of the group. There will be opportunity for discussion and interaction.

For those pupils who decide to seek full membership of the Church of England, there will be a wonderful confirmation service on Monday 24 April at 6pm, led by Bishop Gavin, Bishop of Dorchester. The service will take place in the Abingdon School Chapel and we will be joined by a number of pupils from St Helen and St Katharine who will also be confirmed. Parents and other family members are warmly invited to attend this service and the reception that will follow.

In order to be confirmed, candidates will need to have been baptised. For those pupils who have not been baptised, this can be arranged as part of the Confirmation service.

I would be grateful if you would discuss with your child whether they would like to be a part of this process. It is important to say that there is no obligation on the part of those who attend the classes to proceed to confirmation. It is quite acceptable to begin the course on an exploratory basis and to make a final decision regarding confirmation later on.

If you have any questions about any of this, please email me, [simon.steer@abingdon.org.uk](mailto:simon.steer@abingdon.org.uk). I would be grateful if you could let me know if your child intends to join the course. The pupils are, of course, welcome to contact me as well.

We look forward to a stimulating and enjoyable class.

Yours sincerely

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